REMARKS

Claims 1 through 36 are currently pending in the application.

Claims 19 through 36 are newly added with this amendment.

This amendment is in response to the Office Action of June 21, 2004.

Preliminary Amendment

Applicant notes the filing of a Preliminary Amendment on January 23, 2004, which filing was not acknowledged in the outstanding Office Action. Should the Preliminary Amendment have failed to have been entered in the Office file, Applicant will provide a true copy to the Examiner.

Double Patenting Rejection Based on U.S. Patent No. 6,613,590

Claims 1 through 18 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 through 18 of U.S. Patent 6,613,590. In order to avoid further expenses and time delay, Applicant elects to expedite the prosecution of the present application by filing a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejections in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321 (b) and (c). Applicants' filing of the Terminal Disclaimer should not be construed as acquiescence of the Examiner's double patenting or obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Attached is the terminal disclaimer and accompanying fee.

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Applicant requests the allowance of claims 1 through 36 and the case passed for issue.

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